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Death Notice No. 28 (To all Unit Administrations):



The Province of the United States of America recommends to our fraternal prayers our dear brother, **JOSEPH A. GAUDET**, who died in the service of the Blessed Virgin Mary on September 29, 2006, in Dayton, Ohio, in the 92nd year of his age and the 73rd year of his religious profession.

Joseph Gaudet was born August 30, 1915, in Tingish, Prince Edward Island, Canada, to Francis and Barbara (Bernard) Gaudet. He attended Holy Name grade school and attended two years at La Salle Academy High School in Providence, Rhode Island. In his junior year of high school, he entered the postulate at Marianist Preparatory in Beacon, New York. He entered the novitiate in 1933, took first vows in 1934 and final vows in 1938 in Dayton.

Bro. Joe earned a bachelor's degree in education in 1936 from the University of Dayton and a master's degree in history in 1952 from Case Western Reserve University in Cleveland. He went on to earn a doctorate in history in 1971 from St. John's University in Jamaica, New York.

Bro. Joe taught for over 50 years. He began his career in 1936 teaching history, English, religion, French and economics at Chaminade High School in Mineola, New York. In 1944, he moved to Puerto Rico for five years and taught American and Puerto Rican history, French and English at Colegio San José in Rio Piedras and Colegio Ponceno de Varones in Ponce.

He moved back to the United States in 1949 and for the next six years taught high school history, religion and English at Chaminade, St. Joseph (Cleveland), North Catholic (Pittsburgh) and Cathedral Latin (Cleveland).

In 1955, Bro. Joe was transferred to Hamilton Catholic High School in Hamilton, Ohio, and served as principal for six years. He returned to teaching in 1961 and taught American history and English at Chaminade, Colegio San José, and St. James High School (Chester, Pennsylvania).

From 1967 to 1970, Bro. Joe did research for his doctoral studies. In 1970, he moved to San Antonio to teach history at St. Mary's University for two years. For the next few years, he conducted research on Puerto Rican studies in Villalba, Puerto Rico, and then returned to teaching history at the University of Dayton and Chaminade University of Honolulu.

In 1980, Bro. Joe retired from full-time teaching. He continued to teach part-time at Chaminade University and off campus at the military bases. In retirement, Bro. Joe also lived in Baltimore, Hollywood, Florida, and Villalba, Puerto Rico. Due to failing health, in the early 1990s, Bro. Joe moved to The Franciscan at St. Leonard care center in Centerville, Ohio. In 2002, he moved to Mercy Siena healthcare center in Dayton where he spent his final years.

In his spare time, Bro. Joe liked to write poetry and tinker with fixing clocks, watches and cameras. On the occasion of the 70th anniversary of his religious profession, Bro. Joe wrote, "My other brothers and I poured out our lives before Mary, and she was the recipient of all our efforts. It is wonderful to have served her all these years."

May he rest in peace.